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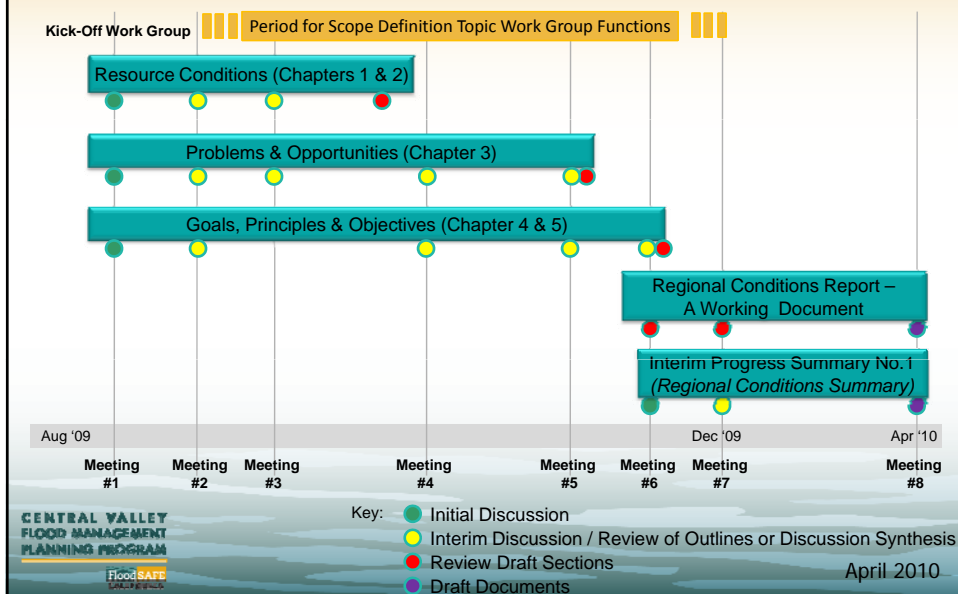
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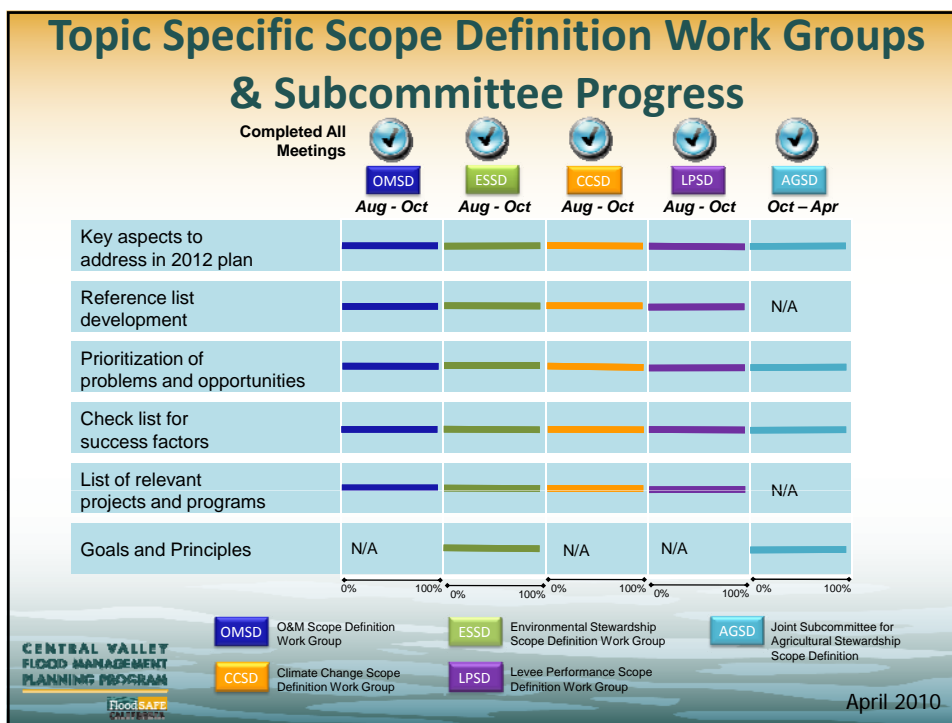


2012 CVFPP Interim Documents

- Regional Conditions Report – A Working Document (RCR)
 - Technical document detailing the findings of the first planning phase of the 2012 CVFPP
- Interim Progress Summary (IPS) No. 1 *(formerly Regional Conditions Summary)*
 - A brief, high-level summary of progress-to-date toward completion of the 2012 CVFPP

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Regional Conditions Work Group Meeting #8 Regional Conditions Report – A Working Document

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RCR Purpose

- To document the first phase of the 2012 CVFPP development:
 - Define current conditions and future challenges
 - Identify problems and opportunities
 - Define goals, principles, and objectives
- Reflects State, federal, tribal, local, regional, and other perspectives

How Will the RCR be Used?

- Provides a strong foundation for
 - planning setting to 2012 CVFPP development
 - baseline conditions of a **program-level environmental review** for CEQA compliance
- As a “working document”, RCR will not be revised and reissued
 - Comments will be incorporated into ongoing CVFPP development

Major Refinements to the RCR

- Chapter 1 reformatted
- Planning Area descriptions refined
- Technical comments were verified and incorporated
- Opportunities were retained, Management Actions were collected for Phase 2
- Included additional perspectives and context to environmental regulations/permitting

Major Refinements to the RCR

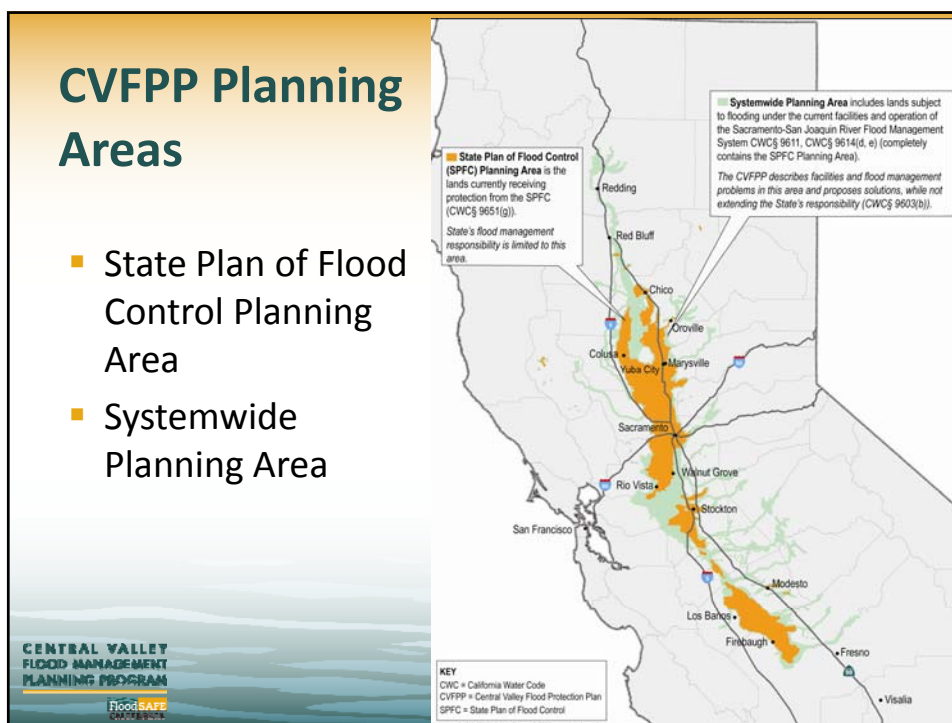
- Topic Work Group information incorporated where appropriate
- Refined Goals to be more in line with Legislation
- Reduced the number of principles, grouped into categories, and refined to better reflect those listed in the Legislation
- Removed all specific objectives and replaced with objective categories to be explored in future phases

Organization of the RCR

- Chapter 1 – Introduction
- Chapter 2 – Planning Area Description
- Chapter 3 – Problems and Opportunities
- Chapter 4 – Goals and Principles
- Chapter 5 – Objectives
- Chapter 6 – References
- Chapter 7 – Acronyms and Abbreviations
- Chapter 8 – Glossary
- Chapter 9 – Acknowledgements

Chapter 1 – Introduction

- Background information on:
 - FloodSAFE & CVFMP Program
 - CVFPP authority & guidance
 - Development process for the 2012 CVFPP
- CVFPP planning areas (geographic scope)
- Provides the purpose of RCR and its significance in CVFPP development



Chapter 2 – Planning Area Description

- Existing resources conditions
 - Physical conditions, infrastructure, biological, social and economic, cultural, Institution, emergence response, etc.
- Likely future conditions, challenges, and key drivers for needs of improved flood management
- Pending-completion regional projects and programs

Chapter 3 – Problems and Opportunities

- Findings in five main themes:
 - Risks and consequences of flooding
 - Operation and maintenance
 - Ecosystem
 - Policy and institutional
 - Integrated water management

Chapter 4 – Goals & Principles

- 2012 CVFPP goals “what the CVFPP will accomplish”
 - **Primary Goal:** Improve flood risk management
 - **Supporting Goals:**
 - Improve operation & maintenance
 - Promote ecosystem functions
 - Improve institutional support
 - Promote multi-benefit projects
- 2012 CVFPP principles “how the CVFPP will be developed”
 - Recognize the different needs of different communities in the integrated, sustainable, and feasible solution set

Chapter 5 – Initial Draft Objectives

- Initial draft objective categories
 - Measures of success in achieving CVFPP goals over time
- Refinements in future phases
 - SMART objectives deferred

Regional Conditions Work Group Meeting #8 Interim Progress Summary No. 1

IPS No. 1 Purpose

- A brief, high-level summary of progress-to-date toward completion of the 2012 CVFPP:
 - Interim findings on regional resources conditions
 - Assessment of the level of agreement among participants and key lessons learned
 - Next steps in plan development & engagement

IPS No. 1 Organization

- Section 1 – Purpose
- Section 2 – Background
- Section 3 – 2012 CVFPP Development Process
- Section 4 – Interim Findings
- Section 5 – Next Steps
- Section 6 – Acronyms and Abbreviations

Section 3 – CVFPP Development Process

- Planning Phases
 - Phase 1 - Regional Conditions
 - Phase 2 – Management Actions
 - Phase 3 – Regional Solution Sets
 - Phase 4 – Systemwide Solution Sets
- 2012 CVFPP Products
- Communications and Engagement
- Future CVFPP Updates

Section 4 – Interim Findings

- Findings in the RCR
- Areas of broad agreement on flood management and related issues
- Feedback from work group members on Phase 1 engagement process, and recommendations for improvement

Section 5 – Next Steps

- Charter Regional & Topic Work Groups
- Identify Management Actions that Address Goals
- Develop Screening Criteria
- Refine & Screen Management Actions
- Formulate Regional Solution Sets
- Perform Supporting Technical Analysis
- Continue with Communication & Engagement

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Section 5 – Next Steps (continued.)

- Continued Communications and Engagement
 - Maintain DWR's commitment for open engagement
 - Reduce the burden on work group participants by using shorter and fewer meetings for targeted feedback on specific work products
 - Improve cross-communication between work groups by using workshops
 - Maintain periodic briefings to local jurisdictions, and other interested-partners

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RCR/IPS #1 Discussion, Feedback, Questions

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Discussion Question #1

1. A major goal in the development of the CVFPP is for documents to fairly represent input received during the planning process and more generally, the broad perspectives of those with a substantial interest in the Plan.
 - To what extent does the RCR meet that goal?
 - As DWR and the technical team develop future CVFPP products, what suggestions do you have that will continue to support this goal?

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Discussion Question #2

2. Many of the Phase 1 Work Group discussions focused on the potential scope of the 2012 CVFPP as well as the long term vision for the plan. With direction from the Legislature and input from Work Group members, DWR worked to clarify the scope by using the RCR and IPS to articulate a series of CVFPP goals and principles. In particular, DWR has explicitly called out Public Safety as a primary goal.
 - Thinking about the steps DWR has taken to clarify the planning area and primary goal, to what extent do the RCR and IPS help establish the scope of the CVFPP?
 - What additional work needs to be done in Phase 2 to address scope and goals issues?

Discussion Questions #3 and #4

3. Thinking about the content of the RCR, please describe any major gaps, inaccuracies of data or other red flags that must be addressed as we move forward into Phase 2.
4. The IPS was designed to serve as a summary of work to date and briefing document for broad use by decision makers and interested parties in the CVFPP process.
 - Thinking of how you or others may use the IPS, to what extent does it serve the purpose it was designed for?
 - What suggestions can you offer to improve the IPS for future phases of the CVFPP process?

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Phase 1 Assessment

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Assessment Approach

Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

- ☐ Conducted December 2009 to April 2010
- ☐ Summarizes efforts to date
- ☐ Evaluates engagement outcomes
- ☐ Extracts key lessons learned
- ☐ Provides recommendations for use in designing future engagement

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- ✓ Confirms overall efforts have been well received by external stakeholders
- ✓ Focuses on continuous process improvement
- ✓ **Offers constructive suggestions**
- ✓ Highlights areas for concern that could potentially affect project success

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Methodology

- One-on-one interviews
- Work Group discussions
- Review of briefing and other outreach information
- **Online surveys**

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Methodology

- Of 192 work group members, 18 participated in **online survey**, 24 completed in-depth **interviews**, and nearly all (approximately 90) RCWG members participated in **work group discussions**
- *Additional follow-up with members that never or rarely attended*

And ...

Regarding Briefings –

- Meeting summaries were reviewed and major themes were recapped

Feedback

- External participants positive with DWR receiving many compliments
 - Constructive suggestions for moving forward into future phases of work
 - Cautionary tale – stakeholders reserving their judgment
- *Need to see the Regional Conditions Report & be briefed on the next phase of work*



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Key Points

- Representation, participation and roles
- Pacing and work volume
- Meeting support and process design
- Work product integration
- Key challenges
- Key messages and suggested strategies

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Analysis Approach



- Project Management Best Practices
- Communications and Engagement Best Practices
- Future Phase Project Plans

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Findings & Recommendations

- Transparency
- Time and Resources
- Clearly Defined Executive Sponsorship and Decision Authority
- Clear Project Plans and Approaches
- Broader Stakeholder Outreach
- Best Practices

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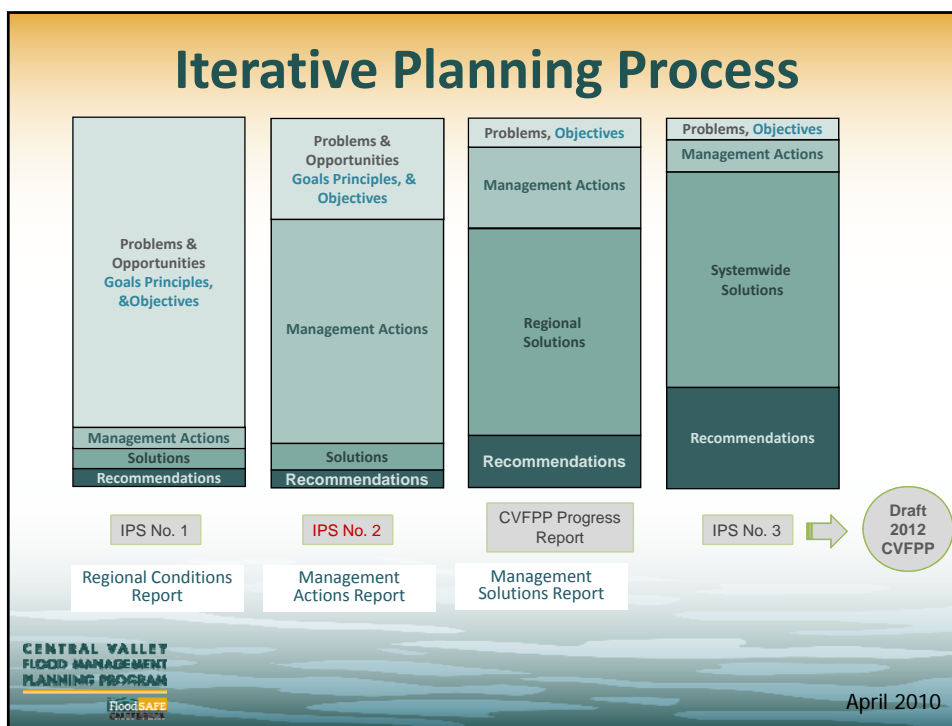
Overview of Phase 2 and Next Steps

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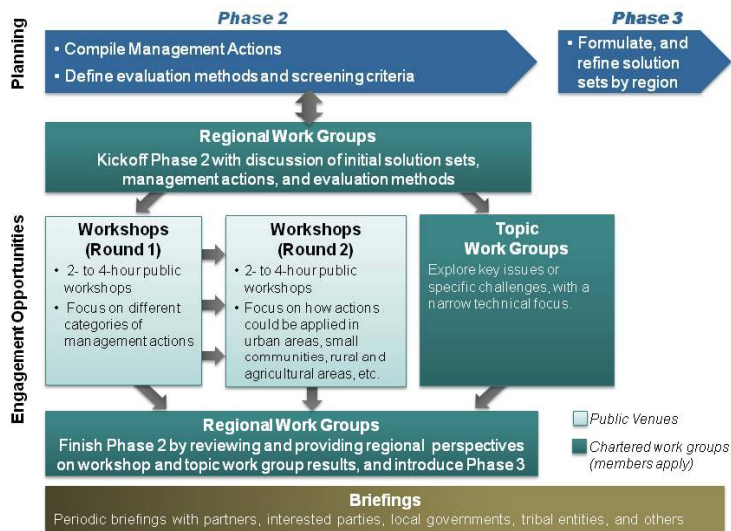


Management Actions

- Specific actions contributing to CVFPP goals and addressing identified problems & opportunities
- Include structural and nonstructural strategies and actions
 - e.g., reservoir re-operation, setback levees, land use planning, flood proofing
- May address a single goal or multiple goals
- Building blocks for regional solutions

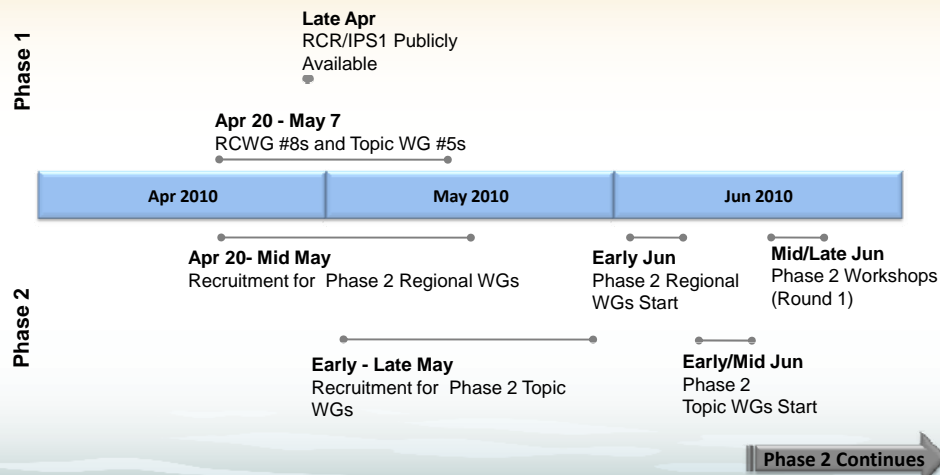
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Development of Management Actions



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Near-Term Schedule



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Updates, Q&A

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